

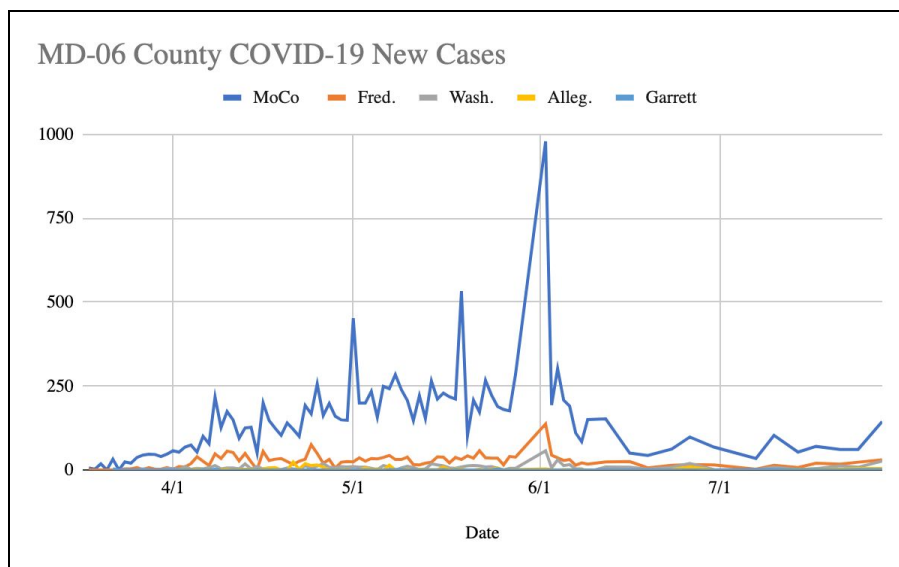
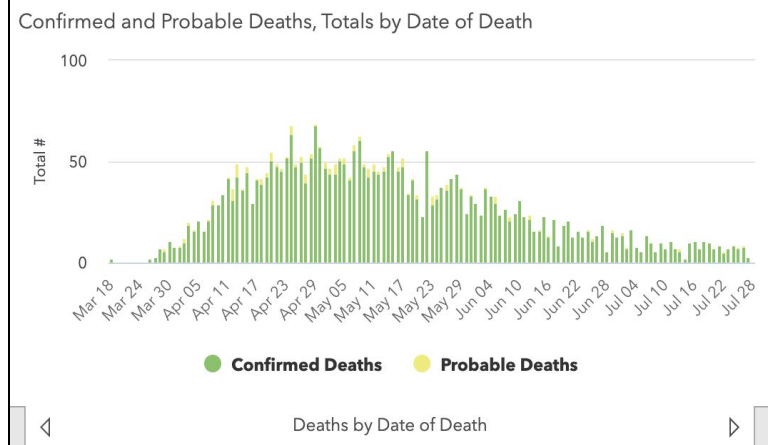
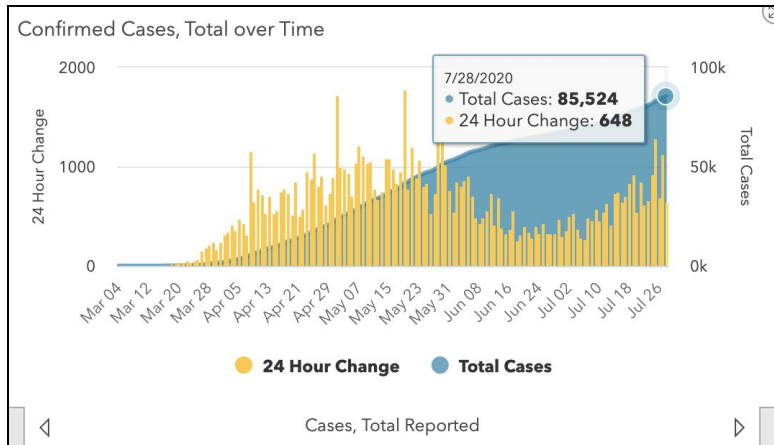
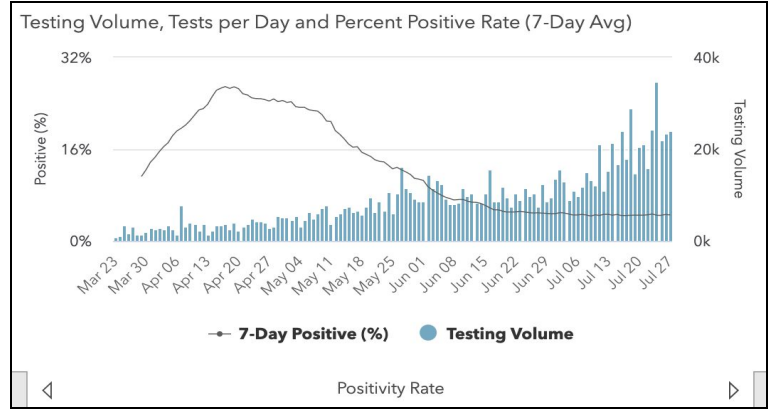
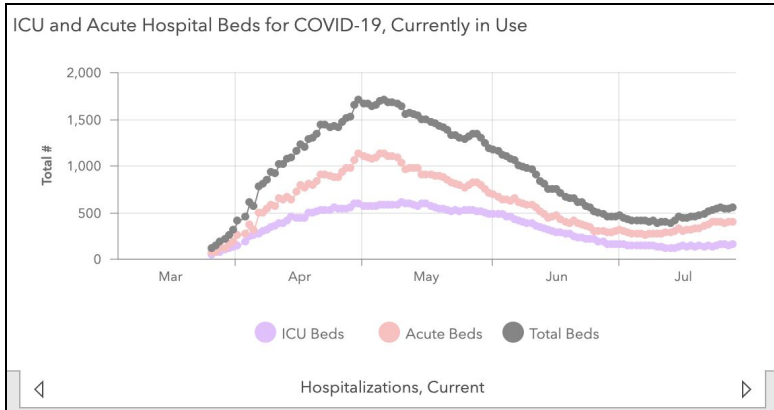
Coronavirus Update: July 28th

Congressman David Trone (MD-06)

Stats @ July 28th, 4:00 pm

Charts are sourced from the Maryland [coronavirus](https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/) website.

MARYLAND DATA



[Total cases reported](#): MoCo 17,230, Fred 2,931, Wash 914, Alleg 262, Garrett 48. MD: 81,766, MD deaths: 3,293.

As of 4:00 pm on July 28, the U.S. had recorded 4,398,994 confirmed cases and 150,774 deaths due to Coronavirus ([JHU](https://www.jhu.edu/)).

Federal News

- U.S. consumer confidence tumbled in July as coronavirus infections spread in many parts of the country. The Conference Board reported Tuesday that its Consumer Confidence Index (CCI) fell from 98.3 in June to 92.6 in July. The CCI measures consumer optimism about their expected financial situation and is viewed as a predictor of future consumer spending, which accounts for about 70 percent of the U.S. economy. “Consumers have grown less optimistic about the short-term outlook for the economy and labor market,” said Lynn Franco, senior director of economic indicators at the Conference Board, adding “uncertainty about the short-term future does not bode well for the recovery.” The Index was 132.6 in February 2020. ([AP](#))
- The world’s biggest COVID-19 vaccine study got underway Monday with the first of 30,000 planned volunteers helping to test shots created by the U.S. government — one of several candidates in the final stretch of the global race to develop and validate a vaccine. There’s no guarantee that the experimental vaccine, developed by the National Institutes of Health and Moderna, can prevent symptomatic COVID-19, but this Phase 3 clinical trial hopes to answer that question. ([CNBC](#))
- President Donald Trump said Monday that states should begin reopening their businesses as the coronavirus outbreak in parts of the United States shows its first signs of slowing. The president cited new data, saying that “over the weekend, cases in Florida, Texas and Arizona held steady and are now heading down. In Arizona, they are heading...substantially down.” While cases do appear to be slowing, public health officials and infectious disease experts warn that reopening too soon could cause another resurgence. ([CNBC](#))
- Some U.S. hot spots appear to be seeing a respite from skyrocketing coronavirus cases, as the number of confirmed infections dropped below 60,000 for the second straight day today. Coronavirus cases in the U.S. rose by more than 56,000 on Monday, according to data compiled by Johns Hopkins University. For some states, the drop coincided with a drop in testing over the past week. ([Wall Street Journal](#))

Maryland Updates

- On Tuesday, the University of Maryland athletics department announced zero positive COVID-19 tests in its most recent screening of student-athletes and staff. In a news release, the athletics department said that it tested 192 individuals on July 20, none of whom were positive. In total, the department has administered 737 tests, which have returned 12 positive tests, a positivity rate of 1.6%. ([Baltimore Sun](#))
- Today, Governor Larry Hogan announced that 223 businesses have now been approved to participate in the Maryland Department of Labor’s Work Sharing Unemployment Insurance Program. As Marylanders continue to navigate challenges related to COVID-19, this program preserves jobs by providing employers with a flexible alternative to layoffs. Employees can be retained at reduced hours while collecting partial unemployment benefits to make up a portion of the lost wages. ([Office of Governor Larry Hogan](#))

District Updates

- Montgomery County
 - a. Tuesday morning the Maryland Department of Health reported 17,230 cumulative cases of COVID-19 in Montgomery County, which is an increase of 66 in the last 24 hours.
 - b. As of Tuesday Morning, 748 county residents have died from COVID-19.
- Frederick County
 - a. In Frederick County, the state reported 30 new cases on Monday, bringing the total number to 2,909.
 - b. The total number of deaths from COVID-19 in Frederick County stands at 113 for the 23rd consecutive day.

- Washington County
 - a. As of Monday, July 27, the total number of COVID-19 cases in Washington County is 830 and the total number of deaths stands at 29.
 - b. Starting Tuesday July 21, 2020, the Hagerstown VEIP Drive-thru Testing Site will no longer require a doctor's order to get tested at this site. Appointments are still required. Appointments are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Individuals can schedule their own appointment by going to <https://health.maryland.gov/covidtest>.
- Allegany County
 - a. Allegany County's cumulative COVID-19 case count rose by 14 to 253 on Monday, according to county health officials.
- Garrett County
 - a. The Garrett County Health Department received positive COVID-19 results for six additional persons, bringing the current county total to 44.
 - b. Any future community COVID-19 testing dates will be announced on the health department's Facebook page and website, garrettthealth.org.